

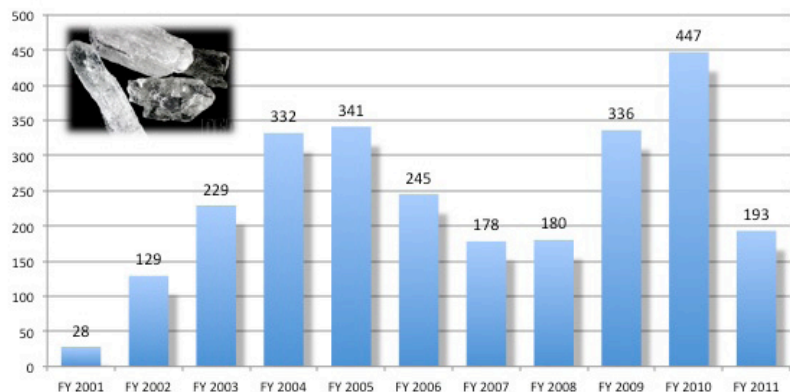


Fact Sheet: Meth in Florida 2011

Florida Methamphetamine Trends

- Methamphetamine trafficking remains a threat within the state of Florida.
- The methamphetamine problem is concentrated in central Florida, along the Interstate-4 corridor between Orlando and Tampa, and north to include northern Florida and the Panhandle area.
- An increasing threat to Florida is imported Mexican produced methamphetamine and 'One-Pot' or 'Shake and Bake' methamphetamine labs. According to Miami Field Division's statistics, methamphetamine seizures have increased by 79.22% during FY 2011. During the FY 2010, there were 77 kilograms seized. During FY 2011 there were 138 kilograms seized.

Florida Methamphetamine Trends:
Methamphetamine Lab Seizures, 2001–2011



*During FY 2011 funding of lab cleanup costs were transferred from the federal government to state and local governments resulting in reduced reporting to DEA. In November 2011, FY 2012 federal funding for the COPS program was reinstated by the US Congress.

Florida Trafficking - "One-Pot" "Shake and Bake" Labs

The primary cause of the increase in methamphetamine lab seizures in Florida is a result of the introduction of the 'One-Pot' or 'Shake and Bake' method of production. Virtually all of Florida's discovered meth labs are the 'One-Pot' method. Cooks using the 'One-Pot' method are able to produce the drug in approximately 30 minutes at nearly any location by mixing, or "shaking," ingredients in easily found containers such as a one-half liter to 2-liter plastic bottle, as opposed to using other methods that require hours to heat ingredients.

- Producers often use the one-pot cook while traveling in vehicles and dispose of waste components along roadsides. Discarded plastic bottles may carry residual chemicals that can be toxic, explosive, or flammable;
- Labs can be established anywhere (e.g. residential areas, hotel rooms, tool sheds, furniture moving trucks or vans);



- Labs are primarily seen in central Florida and north to include the Florida panhandle & north Florida counties;
- Labs tend to be small scale, labs operators are primarily user/dealers;
- 'One-Pot' labs generally produce user quantities and rarely produce amounts for bulk resale;
- Potential for lab explosions makes them highly dangerous & environmental pollution nuisance;
- Acts of violence & possession of weapons by lab operators.

Methamphetamine use in Florida

- Average user ranges from 18 to 50 years old
- Methamphetamine is used in combination with other drugs, such as MDMA (Ecstasy)
- Methamphetamine usage leads to:
 - Cardiac arrest
 - Respiratory distress
 - Stroke
 - Suicidal tendencies
 - Coma
 - Convulsions
 - Chemical burns
 - High-risk sexual behavior – HIV/Hepatitis/Syphilis
 - Self-destructiveness
 - Paranoia
 - Psychotic episodes
 - Skin lesions
 - Tooth decay

